

Meanwhile, Elouise Cobell has dedicated herself to helping Native Americans achieve economic self-sufficiency. She is the founder and current chairperson of the Blackfeet National Bank—the first bank in the nation owned by Indians.

In Montana, when Cobell drives from her ranch to her bank office in the woebegone town of Browning, with an unemployment rate as high as 70 percent, she passes a sign. It marks the site of the government's first Indian office on the Blackfeet reservation, under agent John Young. It says that this is where, in the terrible winter of 1884, 500 Blackfeet Indians died of starvation.

"The truth is," Cobell told me, "that agent Young kept the rations he had on hand for white people." She pointed to a ridge opposite the sign, where a trench was dug to bury the Blackfeet bodies. "We call it Ghost Ridge," she said. "I think of those souls every day. I'm fighting for them too."

HONORING THE GATEWAY/
UNAWEEP VOLUNTEER FIRE DE-
PARTMENT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, fire fighters place their lives on the line every time they battle a blaze. This challenge requires serious training, dedication and compassion for other human beings. The Gateway/Unawep Volunteer Fire Department in Colorado was experiencing difficulties until a team of individuals collaborated to rekindle the spirit of the department and enable it to become a reliable emergency response unit once again. Due to this unwavering persistence, the Gateway/Unawep Volunteer Fire Department has been able to once again become a viable community resource and I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the efforts of the members of the department for all that they have done.

Fire fighting in this area of Colorado did not always have the benefit of modern tools. This basic level of equipment did not deter Dean Rickman, a web site designer from Chicago, from relocating and joining the department. After being inspired by Oprah's Angel network, Angela Morgan decided she would help others through involvement in the fire department. Shane Burton has tackled the position of being the assistant fire chief in charge of all the other duties. Through numerous hours of coordination and examination, these and other members patched the fire department back together and have created a sustainable plan to ensure its vitality. Currently they are seeking ways to make it more financially stable and have recently launched a new program called Project Human Touch to make certain that victims have access to supportive resources.

The Gateway/Unawep Volunteer Fire Department persists diligently for the benefit of their community. Through their hard work, the members have been able to increase the department's fleet size and upgrade the coverage area and equipment.

Mr. Speaker, the services these volunteers provide are priceless in any community. Although such a role always requires a sacrifice,

the fire fighters at the Gateway/Unawep Volunteer Fire Department have gone above and beyond the call of duty to resurrect this fire department and sustain operations once again. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the sincere sacrifices the members of the department have made and extend my best wishes to them in many years to come.

HONORING TERRY LYNCH

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2001

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, the devastation our country has suffered became profoundly personal when my staff and I learned that a former member of our delegation staff was among those who were murdered by terrorists when a hijacked plane hit the Pentagon Tuesday morning.

Terry Lynch was from Youngstown, Ohio, and got his master's degree from Youngstown State University, where he met his wife, Jackie. He became an adopted Alabamian when he went to work for Senator RICHARD SHELBY of Alabama from 1983 to 1995. During those years, Terry worked closely with many of us on military projects for all of Alabama and in particular, the Army Aviation Center at Fort Rucker, Alabama, and Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Montgomery, Alabama, both of which are in my 2nd District.

Terry was a kind and knowledgeable person who was dependable and dedicated to doing his job and doing it well. He was well liked by his colleagues on both sides of the aisle and in both the House and in the Senate. Terry worked tirelessly on behalf of his adopted state.

At home in the Mount Vernon area of Fairfax County, he was known as a kind and considerate neighbor, coach for his daughters, Tiffany and Ashley's T-ball and softball teams; and all around good friend.

Terry Lynch is indelibly etched in the hearts and minds of all Alabamians. Our hearts go out to Jackie, Tiffany, and Ashley during this great time of sadness for all of us.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF SENATE
AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-
TIVES REGARDING TERRORIST
ATTACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST
UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM MATHESON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mr. MATHESON. Mr. Speaker, Tuesday, September 11, 2001 now marks a day that no American will forget. America was faced with unfathomable tragedy at the hands of cowardly terrorists. The very freedom that we hold so dear was assaulted and our country must search for, find, and hold accountable those who are in any way responsible for these violent acts.

As a nation, we must focus our attention toward proving our resolve and joining our fellow neighbors in healing our country. We are strong, proud and free country and our government will fight to protect all those ideals that make us such a strong nation.

We must now give of ourselves to our community. I urge you to remember that there are many heroes who have given selflessly to our neighbors at this time of tragedy. Fire, rescue, police personnel and countless others have put their lives in danger to save those victims of this terrible crime. For that courage, we must thank them and remember that these people give their lives daily to protect our freedom.

The leaders of our country will now focus on ensuring that justice is served. We should be rational about our strategy, we will focus on protecting our future and promise to uphold your freedom and your every liberty.

Pray for those who are grieving. Stand proud of our great country. Know that your government will vigorously pursue those guilty with all available resources.

HONORING DAVE SANGER UPON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, Dave Sanger helped to shape and open the minds of students at Salida High School in Colorado and after 30 years of teaching, has announced his retirement. It is with great pleasure that I recognize the tremendous contributions Dave has made to the future of our country and to the lives of those students he has taught.

Dave began teaching at Salida High School in 1973, after attending graduate school at the University of Colorado in Boulder where he was pursuing a master's degree in history. While at Salida High School, he taught history for twenty-eight years. While Dave had no intention of teaching at Salida for this length of time, he has received much joy out of seeing his students blossom intellectually and challenge their future. Mr. Sanger has been recognized for his energetic and insightful lectures, even to the extent that students who have graduated have returned to experience another Sanger lecture.

While teaching requires enormous dedication, Dave found time to serve his community in other ways as well. He helped to establish the soccer program in Salida and continues to track its success. Furthermore, he served on the Democratic Central Committee and was a judge for a mock congressional hearing for high school students. His wife Nancy and he opened a bookstore called Sanger's Books that thrived during a rough economic time between 1985 and 1991. Dave and Nancy have both also served as lay ministers at St. Joseph Church.

Throughout all of his efforts, Dave Sanger has opened doors for many students. His teaching will live in the hearts and minds of all those who have been in his classroom. He has truly been an integral and respected

member of his community. Upon his retirement as a history teacher, I would like to honor his dedication and years of service and extend my warmest regard to Dave and his family.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ON SEPT. 11, 2001

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2001

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the world was different.

Today and tomorrow and forever our America is changed.

Today, there are no Republicans, no Democrats.

Today, we all are Americans.

May God hold in His arms the victims and their families who suffered these terrorist attacks.

Buildings and bodies may be destroyed. But freedom will survive. Because freedom burns in the heart of every American. And freedom burns in the hearts of freedom loving people throughout the world.

May God bless those who fight for freedom. and may God bless our United States of America.

INDISCRIMINATE ATTACKS ON SIKHS MUST STOP; SIKHISM IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM ISLAM

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2001

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, a despicable terrorist attack was carried out on the United States of America. I am pleased to see how all of us, Republican and Democrat, liberal and conservative, are pulling together in support of our nation. That is inspiring and it shows the greatness of America.

At the same time, it is very unfortunate that some Americans have been made targets of violence simply because of the way they look and the way they dress. That is unacceptable. Despite the anger that we all share against those responsible for the terrorists attacks, we must not sink to their level and become a people who extract revenge indiscriminately.

It appears that there have been several attacks on Sikhs, largely in the New York area but elsewhere as well, including a beating of an elderly Sikh man with baseball bats. Apparently, some Sikhs are being singled out for attacks because their turbans and beards remind people of the terrorist chief Osama bin Laden. Other Sikhs are being mistaken for Muslims.

Attacking innocent American Muslims is wrong, and we should stand together in condemning attacks on them. However, it must be

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emphasized that Sikhs are not Muslims. Sikhism must not be mistaken for Islam, Hinduism, or any other religion. Every Sikh is required to wear a turban; it is part of the religion. Very few Muslims wear turbans. Osama bin Laden is one of the few Muslims who does. The style in which a turban is worn by a Sikh is quite different from the style that is worn by some Muslims. In addition, Sikhs can be identified by the kirpans (small ceremonial swords) that they carry and the bracelets they wear. These are two of the five things that identify a practicing Sikh. Tragically, some people, who are ignorant of Islam and Sikhism, have targeted innocent Sikh-Americans for violence. It must be made clear that Sikhs do not hold any ill will toward America. Sikhs from around the world have always looked toward the United States as a beacon of freedom to be emulated, not a nation to be destroyed.

Mr. Speaker, attacks against Sikhs must stop. I am calling for an end to this violence against Sikh Americans and anyone else of any faith who was not involved in the terrorist attack on our country. I call on our nation's leaders to speak our forcefully against these attacks. I also believe that it is the responsibility of the media to expose these attacks and denounce them. All Americans are justified in being very angry about what happened on September 11, but that does not justify acts of violence against innocent Americans.

VERMONT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT CONGRESSIONAL TOWN MEETING

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2001

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the outstanding work done by participants in my Student Congressional Town Meeting held this summer. These participants were part of a group of high school students from around Vermont who testified about the concerns they have as teenagers, and about what they would like to see government do regarding these concerns.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF JUSTICE BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2001

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this occasion to commend and congratulate a distinguished public servant, Chief Justice Benjamin J.F. Cruz, upon his retirement from the Supreme Court of Guam. A highly regarded jurist, Chief Justice Cruz is well known and respected for his commitment to Guam's judiciary and the important decisions he rendered as a judge in the island's court system.

Widely known on the island as "B.J.," Chief Justice Cruz was born in Guam to Juan Quenga Cruz and Antonia Cruz Franqueze on

March 3, 1951. A successful businessman and a respected leader, B.J.'s father was elected as commissioner of the village of Piti. Upon the death of B.J.'s father in 1956, his mother moved the family to California and later married Vicente Cruz Guerrero.

On Guam, young B.J. attended Saint Francis School in Yona. He later graduated from St. John Bosco Senior High School in Bellflower, California in 1968 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Economics from Claremont Men's College where he wrote his senior thesis on the constitutional and legal history of Guam. In 1972, B.J. attended the University of Santa Clara School of Law. He spent the summer of 1973 working as a law clerk for both the Federal District Court and the Superior Court of Guam. He was awarded his Juris Doctorate in May 1975.

Upon graduation, B.J. commenced a long and distinguished career in government service. He initially served as the Assistant Consumer Counsel in the Office of the Attorney General of Guam and, shortly thereafter, joined the first administration of Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo as its legal counsel. B.J. served in this capacity until January 1979, when he went into private practice. Within this period, he also served as minority legal counsel to the Democratic Senators of the 15th and 16th Guam Legislatures. B.J. remained active in the promotion of cultural and political rights working as an incorporator and legal counsel for a number of indigenous rights organizations and the Nuclear Free Micronesia organization. During Governor Bordallo's second term, B.J. was chosen to head the newly established Governor's Washington Liaison Office in Washington, D.C.—a post he held until his appointment as a Superior Court Judge in 1984.

As a judge, B.J. was known for his fair and impartial decisions. His reputation is of fairness, firmness and compassion. For over thirteen years, he served as a trial court judge with Superior Court of Guam—the first nine years of which he spent with the Family Juvenile Court. First appointed to the Guam Supreme Court in 1997, he began his term as Chief Justice on April 21, 1999.

Outside the courtroom, Chief Justice Cruz has always been involved with community events and organizations. Having previously served as vice president and treasurer of the Guam National Olympic Committee, he now serves as the organization's secretary general. His tenure in the Family Juvenile Court undoubtedly led him to serve as President of the Board of Directors for Sanctuary, Inc., an organization dedicated to the island's troubled youth and their families. In addition, he has been actively involved with civic and community associations such as the Guam Chapter of the American Cancer Society, the Miss Guam World Association, and the Guam Beauty Association.

Upon his retirement in August 21, 2001, Chief Justice Cruz left a legacy of achievements and accomplishments. The decades of service he dedicated to the people of Guam has truly earned him a place in our hearts. On behalf of the people of Guam, I congratulate him on his well earned retirement and thank him for his service to the island and its people. Si Yu'os Ma'ase', Chief Justice Cruz.